

**Question for written answer E-001672/2021
to the Commission**

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On 2 December 2020 the Commission submitted a proposal for a new, future-oriented transatlantic agenda. According to the press release, the change of presidency, together with a new geopolitical and economic reality, provides a unique opportunity to design a new transatlantic agenda for cooperation on the basis of common values and interests¹. However, a post on the handelsblatt.com platform suggests that there are economic concerns with regard to the change of presidency². According to another report³, there is a danger of Europe becoming drawn in to the geopolitical conflicts of the United States. One of Biden's first acts as President, for example, was to suspend the sanctions against the Huthi rebels, thereby enabling them to be supported.

1. What disadvantages does the Commission consider the change of presidency to have for Europe's economy?
2. Does the Commission consider that being drawn in to geopolitical conflicts of the United States constitutes a danger for the European Union?
3. Does the Commission consider that the first acts of the new American President concerning Yemen contradict its own humanitarian projects?

¹ (https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/ip_20_2279)

² (<https://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/international/wahlen-in-den-usa-hoffnungstraeger-joe-biden-was-sein-wahlsieg-fuer-die-deutsche-wirtschaft-bedeutet-wuerde/26570590.html?ticket=ST-5463032-SXckf1oxhaatV21FRIMq-ap2>)

³ (<https://www.flossbachvonstorch-researchinstitute.com/de/kommentare/wer-nuetzt-europa-und-dem-westen-trump-oder-biden/>)